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REF: AUSTRIAN/CURRAN TELCON OF MARCH 5

- 1. DAVID SEARLES, PC, HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY THE GIST OF LAST WEEK"S MEETINGS WITH DICK HAAG. DICK WAS NOT TOLD HE WAS BEING RECALLED AT YOUR REQUEST AND THE PEACE CORPS HOPES THIS SUBJECT WILL NOT ARISE IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS IN KABUL. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HAAG SUSPECTS THE BACKGROUND BEHIND THIS TRANSFER AND THE PEACE CORPS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION, OF COURSE, TO YOUR GIVING HIM YOUR ASSESSMENT OF HIS PERFORMANCE SHOULD THIS SEEM WARRANTED.
- 2. HAAG WAS TOLD THAT THE PEACE CORPS COULD MAKE BETTER USE OF HIS TALENTS IN WASHINGTON THAN IN KABUL, GIVEN THE REDUCTION IN ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN AND THE HOLDING PATTERN INTO WHICH THE PROGRAM IS GOING. THE PEACE CORPS ALSO RECOGNIZED THE HARDSHIP ON HAAG'S FAMILY OF CONTINUING TO LIVE IN KABUL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. HAAG HAS BEEN OFFERED A POSITION ON THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF AND WILL BE LEAVING AFGHANISTAN IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS. (HIS FAMILY HAS NOT YET BEEN INFORMED.) THE TRANSFER WILL BE CHARACTERIZED IN THE PEACE CORPS AS A NORMAL ONE TO AVOID ANY STIGMA ON HAAG. HE WILL NOT BE REPLACED FOR A FEW MONTHS AND DEPUTY WILL BE ACTING. I GATHER THAT HAAG APPEARED TO BE GENUINELY PLEASED WITH HIS NEW JOB AND PERHAPS GLAD TO BE OUT OF A SITUATION HE COULD NO LONGER HANDLE.
- 4. DAVE ALSO ASKED THAT I CONVEY JOHN DELLENBACK'S APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR THE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION YOU HAVE TAKEN IN HANDLING THIS PROBLEM.
- 5. BEST REGARDS. KISSINGER

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